

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 24 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figs. 3~~Figs. 2 (eluent: 5 mM tartaric acid/1 mM pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid/24 mM boric acid) and 4 (eluent: 16 mM phosphoric acid) show the chromatograms obtained. In ~~Figs. 3~~Figs. 2 and 4, the peak 1 is Li^+ , the peak 2 is Na^+ , the peak 3 is NH_4^+ , the peak 4 is NH_4^+ , the peak 5 is Mg^{2+} and the peak 6 is Ca^{2+} .